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Legislative Council Polls from South Graduates Constituency

Voting held amidst tight Police security

Many old voters return disappointed after names left out in new electoral rolls

Mysuru, June 13 (RK&DM)- The voting for the Biennial Legislative Council Polls from South Graduates Constituency began this morning amidst tight Police security and all other poll measures.

The Constituency comprises four districts — Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan and Chamarajanagar. There are a total of 19 candidates in the fray, including M.V. Ravishankar of BJP, H.K. Ramu of JD(S), Madhu G. Madegowda of Congress, Prasanna N. Gowda, who is backed by KRRS, DSS, AAP and other like-minded organisations, former MLA and Kannada activist Vatal Nagaraj of Kannada Chaluvali Vatal Paksha.

The Constituency has 1,41,961 voters, including 82,505 men, 59,432 women and 24 others. The voting is of preferential marking type and every voter is required to choose their candidate in order of preference by marking only in Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3 etc.) and not in words. The voting for this election was through ballot papers that contained the name and symbols of all the 19 candidates in the fray.

City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa standing in queue along with others to cast his vote at the polling booth in Srikantha School in Agrahara this morning.

Though the voting, which commenced at 8 am in 150 centres spread across the four districts, began on a sedate note, it picked up momentum as hours passed by and about 21 percent voting was recorded till noon.

The poll authorities, who a couple of days ago had extended the polling period by an hour (8 am to 5 pm instead of 8 am to 4 pm) following demands by political parties, candidates and the voters, are expecting a higher voter turnout this time.

Mysuru district, which has the highest number of voters (58,262) also had the biggest number of polling booths (66), including 43 in Mysuru city alone, followed by Mandya with 45 booths, 27 in Hassan and 12 in Chamarajanagar.

The poll authorities had identified a total of 17 booths as hyper-sensitive (13 in Mandya and 2 each in Hassan and Mysuru) and webcasting was done in all these booths, while in the case of all other booths, CCTV cameras were installed at several points in each of them.

Tight Police security was provided around all the polling centres for ensuring free and fair polls. Candidates were allowed to erect their shamianas for guiding the voters only at a distance of about 200 mts from the polling booth. All the voters were required to present at least one of the documents listed by the Election Commission as proof of their identity.

Though there are 19 candidates in the fray, with nearly a dozen independents, the Constituency, at the outset, seems to be a four-cornered contest between the BJP, Congress, JD(S) and KRRS backed candidate.

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Taj may get Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel

Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting to decide tomorrow

Mysuru, June 13 (RK&BCT)- After many media reports that the iconic Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel will be handed over to the Taj Group, the issue will come up before the Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting tomorrow where a final decision will be taken to hand over the Hotel to private players.

The luxury hotel is presently being run by State-owned Jungle Lodges and Resorts, a unit of Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) which took over the property from India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) in 2018.

The Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting will be chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and one of the subjects that will be taken up for discussion is the handing over of the Hotel to private players. Sources said that the State Government is keen to hand over the Hotel to a private agency or a hotel conglomerate which has expertise in managing heritage property.

Confirming this to *Star of Mysore* this morning, the Managing Director of Jungle Lodges Manoj Kumar said that the CM will take a final call. "Yes, there is a proposal before the Government to hand over the management of Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel to private players and discussions were on in this regard at Government level for over one year," he said.

The meeting and discussion under Tourism Minister Anand Singh on the issue are already over and the final call has to be taken by the Cabinet and the Chief Minister. "We will have to await the Cabinet's decision to proceed with the formalities," Manoj Kumar said.

(See LALITHA MAHAL on page 6)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 13th June 2022

'World Day Against Child Labour' in city tomorrow

Mysuru, June 13 (SSM)- The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Labour Department, Department of Public Instructions, District Child Labour Eradication Planning Society, Police Department and Women and Child Welfare Department have jointly organised 'World Day Against Child Labour' in city tomorrow (June 14).

An awareness rally will be taken out from Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office at 9 am tomorrow which will be flagged off by DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham. The rally will be followed by a stage programme at Kalamandira in city at 10 am. DLSA Chairman M.L. Raghunath will inaugurate the stage programme. DC and District Child Labour Eradication Planning Society President Dr. Bagadi Gautham will preside.

ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers and other Government Officials will be present, according to a press release.

Centre's financial aid for children aged 6 - 18 years

Mysuru, June 13 (SSM)- Directorate of Child Protection, Department of Women and Child Development have invited applications from children aged between 6 and 18 years to avail financial aid provided under the Central Government-sponsored Programmes.

Children who have single parent, HIV affected, leprosy and afflicted with any other major diseases or whose parents are lodged in jails may apply. They will get Rs. 1,000 monthly for three years as financial aid from the District Child Protection Unit. The annual income of the family of the children must not exceed more than Rs. 1,20,000. For details and to apply, visit District Child Protection Unit Office at No. 15/17, First Floor, 2nd Phase, 4th Cross, Anjanadri Road, Vijayanagar, Mysuru or e-mail: *dcpumysore@gmail.com* or call Ph: 0821-2543003, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Happiness is what mortal beings strive for in life. Simple living - high thinking leads one on the path to happiness. Many people define simple living as a highly complex process. An antithesis of sorts, since the very essence of simple living is to break down complex aspects into smaller and decipherable parts with simplistic approach. The first step is to recognise that this life (samsara) is complex leading us in a multitude of directions; straying us from achieving the end result, happiness. Next is to identify the unwanted things - list them and the ensuing attachment, from what is already in our possession that leads to derailment of progress. Because unnecessary things introduce clutter to cloud one's vision. Final step is not to accumulate undesirable and needless things. We strip ourselves down to bare minimum things essential for survival. One needn't purchase what pleases the neighbour or be drawn to luxury. We need to adhere to our needs.

We can now turn towards high thinking, which is to develop broader perspective of things: give back to society, help the needy, identify passion in oneself to pursue holistic development and contribute to the overall dharmic advancement of society. The alignment of kaaya (action) - vaacha (words) - manasa (thoughts, and hence intent) leads to high thinking and traverse along the God path. By owning less and giving more one can develop an optimistic view of life leading to happiness. Can we commit to simple living and high thinking? *—Prasanna S. Harihar in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Divorced man sues stepson to recover money

Beijing: A man has sued his stepson after divorcing his mother, to recover money he had spent for raising him.

Just a few months after divorcing his wife, the man, surnamed Tang, reportedly took his stepson Liu to Court, asking for 35,200 yuan (approximately 5,285 dollars) as compensation for the money spent on raising him.

Tang reportedly married Liu's mother in 2009 when the boy was 10 years old and helped raise him until 2021, when the woman filed for divorce. About three months after the separation, Tang filed a lawsuit against his stepson, asking for over 30,000 yuan as compensation for living expenses.

Bags of Cheetos as food aid

Moscow: Dozens of underprivileged families and families of children with disabilities in the Russian region of Tula recently received bags of Cheetos snacks as food assistance.

In early May, Russian news media reported that the Rus food fund had recently carried out an operation, distributing 1,100 bags of Cheetos snacks to dozens of impoverished and underprivileged families in ten municipalities of Russia's Tula region. About 700 messages of gratitude were posted on social media posts about the charity event, but the photos of the recipients with their Cheetos bags told a very different story...

The Rus fund made the mistake of posting photos of the families they helped with their bags of Cheetos on Russian social media platform. They look about as happy as you'd expect.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Gaining or losing weight without making changes to your diet or exercise habits may be a sign of an unhealthy gut. An imbalanced gut can impair your body's ability to absorb nutrients, regulate blood sugar, and store fat. Weight loss may be caused by small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (SIBO), while weight gain may be caused by insulin resistance or the urge to overeat due to decreased nutrient absorption.

By Kavya J - Department of Nutrition & Dietetics

Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

10 books translated from Sanskrit to Kannada by Dr. CPK released

Mysuru, June 13 (SPN&TRR)- Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, reputed Sanskrit scholar and columnist, released 10 drama works translated from Sanskrit to Kannada by Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) at a function jointly organised by District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Rangayana and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota at B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi in Rangayana premises recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Nagaraja Rao said he was happy to release the books — Bhatta Narayana's *Veni Samhara*, Sri Harsha's *Ratnavali, Nagananda & Priyadarshika*, Bhasa's *Swapnavasadatta, Pratigna Yowgandharayana, Pancharatra & Oorubhanga*, Bhavabooti's *Uttararamacharita* and Kalidasa's *Abhignana Shakuntala*.

Of these, Bhasa's 4, Sri Harsha's 3 and one each of Bhatta Narayana, Bhavabhooti and Kalidasa have been translated by Dr. CPK according to the present situation.

"Hundred years ago, Basavappa Shastry translated *Abhignana Shakuntala* from Sanskrit to Kannada and it suited his period. But, as time changes, our spoken language also gets changed and keeping this in view, veteran litterateur Dr.CPK has brilliantly translated the Sanskrit works," opined Dr. Rao.

Observing that Basavappa Shastry had beautifully narrated a situation in the original Sanskrit drama *Abhignana Shakuntala*, where Kanva Maharshi sees off his daughter Shakuntala to her husband's house, Dr.Rao said that the same situation has been described by Dr.CPK which is in tune with the present time, in Kannada. This shows that there is nothing wrong in translating historical drama and novels from time to time, he stated.

Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa presided. Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar delivered keynote address. District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Tanumana Publisher Manasa and Senior theatre activist Rajashekara Kadamba were present.

REALLY...?

- ***NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft was launched in 1977. More than three decades later, in 2012, it became the first human-made object to enter interstellar space by crossing the heliopause, or the edge of the heliosphere. That's the boundary beyond which most of the sun's ejected particles and magnetic fields dissipate.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A well-known hunter was once asked if it was true that the jungle predators will never attack a person carrying a lit torch. "That is true," he responded, "but it does depend at what speed you are carrying that torch!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 78.12
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 95.78
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 21.27
1 Euro	= Rs. 81.92

VOICE OF THE READER

Remembering Sheila Irani on her birth centenary

A social worker par excellence

Sir,

This refers to the write-up titled ***"Birth Centenary of Sheila Irani tomorrow"*** in *Star of Mysore* dated June 11, 2022.

Because of my long association with Sheila Irani with many NGO activities — Chamundi Children's Home, Ideal Jawa Rotary School, Mysore Lok Swaraj Andolan (MLSA), People's Education Trust, MP Local Area Development Fund, MATF Education Committee, Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), etc.— I had several occasions to work with her.

Sheila Irani [1922-2022]

She was a social worker par excellence as I learnt from her daring and concerned performance. I would have expected her birth centenary to be celebrated on a grand scale by several organisations in the city. In this connection, I have to accept *mea culpa* for not taking an initiative myself.

Let me give just four examples to show her concern for society and outstanding qualities as a social worker:

Once we had been to visit an elementary school located in a Railway Colony of Yadavagiri. When Sheila Irani saw the caretaker of that school illegally occupying two rooms and forcing children to sit on the veranda *(Pratham* had balawadis there), she scolded him and asked him to vacate his premises. He almost came to manhandle the MP. She was not at all perturbed and was ready to face him. Finally, we managed to leave the place unharmed.

When she learnt about my efforts to expose corruption in residential LPG distribution, she narrated a shocking anecdote. Her MP colleagues in Delhi queried her about how she allocates her MP quota of LPG connections (it was a time when getting LPG connection was not easy), she stated that she gives preference based on their needs. They expressed their shock when they learnt that she never got money which was the usual practice with many MPs.

She took active part in improving education specially with Government Schools. When Mysore Lok Swaraj Andolan was formed to promote professional, concerned and competent candidates to contest in election, she immediately joined as a member and took active part. She even campaigned for MLSA candidates.

While allocating MP Local Area Development Funds, she was meticulous in analysing the requests using experts and then to allocate funds.

Though she was a nominated MP and also MLA, she never came across as a politician. Though she was from a rich family and certainly a celebrity, she never came across as a socialite either in her dress or behaviour. One could learn how one should act with humility from her. In short, she would serve as a model not just to women but also for men.

Why are we Mysureans indifferent to celebrate the birth centenary of a model social worker in a befitting manner? This reflects poorly on our city.

—Bhamy V. Shenoy

Mysuru
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JSS AHER Vice-Chancellor Dr. Surinder Singh wins Innovation Leadership Award

Dignitaries present during the award ceremony** (from left): **Sudheer Goutham, Founder, CEO & Editor-In-Chief, IndiGlobal Media Network, IndiGlobal TV; Bharat Lal Meena, IAS, former Additional Chief Secretary of the Higher Education Department, Government of Karnataka; Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru; Dr. S. Selvakumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Livelihood, Department of Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka; P. Pradeep, IAS,Commissioner of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, Government of Karnataka and B. Kalyan Chakravarthy, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Skill, Labour Employment & Entrepreneurship,Government of Assam.

Mysuru, June 13- Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor of JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, was presented the "Innovation Leadership Award" in the 2nd edition of India-Global Education and Skill Summit which was held in Bengaluru on June 10.

The summit was hosted by Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Livelihood, Government of Karnataka. The other Government partners were Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Government of Karnataka, Department of Skill, Labour Employment & Entrepreneurship, Government of Assam and Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of Telangana.

This day-long congregation had education leaders, policymakers, innovators, foreign ambassadors, State administrators, Edu-Tech companies and stakeholders from education and skill eco-system across the country and globe on a single platform.

Dr. Surinder Singh also participated in the Panel Discussion on "Future of Higher Education in the Digital-First Economy" which was moderated by Shrikant Sinha, CEO, Telangana Academy for Skill & Knowledge, according to a press release from Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS AHER.

Selected for *Basava Ratna* awards

Dr. Krishnaswamy** **Jagadeesh** **Shankaregowda** **Somashekar** **Sanjeev Shetty

Mysuru, June 13 (SSM)- As part of Basava Jayanthi, Mysuru Sharana Mandali has organised a function at Sri Nataraja auditorium on Shankar Mutt Road in city on June 14 at 11 am to confer 'Basava Ratna' awards on achievers from various fields.

The awardees are Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) General Manager Dr. N. Krishnaswamy, Senior Advocate and former Chairman of Karnataka State Bar Council C.M. Jagadeesh, Co-operator Y.N. Shankaregowda, former District Officer of Backward Classes and Minorities (BCM) Welfare Department (Mandya and Mysuru) G.S. Somashekar and hotelier Shringar Sanjeev Shetty.

Hosmutt Seer Sri Chidananda Swamiji will grace the occasion. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha will inaugurate. Former MLA Vasu will preside.

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. S. Vidyashankar will present awards. Oriental Research Institute (ORI) retired Director Dr. S. Shivarajappa and Sahitya Loka President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna will speak on occasion.

District Sharana Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Helavarahundi Siddappa will be the chief guest, according to a press release from Mysuru Sharana Mandali President Muguru Nanjundaswamy.

Obituary

Vasantha Das

Mysuru, June 13- Vasantha Das (81), wife of late D. Haridas and a resident of Yadavagiri, passed away at her residence in city yesterday.

She leaves behind one son, two daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon, according to family sources.

Actor Siddhanth Kapoor detained in Bengaluru in drugs case

Bengaluru, June 13 (UNI)- Siddhanth Kapoor, son of film actor Shakti Kapoor and brother of Bollywood actress Shraddha Kapoor, has been detained for allegedly consuming drugs in a rave party here, according to Police.

Siddhanth Kapoor

Samples of those suspected of having consumed drugs were sent for testing and Siddhanth's was among six who tested positive, Police said.

"Siddhanth has tested positive for drugs and has been brought to Ulsoor Police Station," DCP East Dr. Bheemashankar S. Guled said. Police raided a hotel on Sunday night on MG Road where a party was being held on a tip off.

Siddhanth has acted in several Hindi films such as "Shootout at Wadala", "Haseena Parker" and "Chehre." He last appeared in the 2020 web series 'Bhaukaal' in which he played the role of Chintu Dedha. He has worked as Assistant Director in "Bhool Bhulaiya" and "Dhol" among others.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Quotations invited

KARP Mounted Company, Mysuru, has invited quotations from organisations and traders for supply of horse food and other ingredients including horse gram, wheat bran, DC oats, paddy straw, flaxseed, lusan, wood, horseshoe, coal, crystal salt etc. Interested may submit the rate list at the KARP Mounted Company Office on Lalitha Mahal Road before 5.30 pm on June 20. For details, call Ph: 0821-2418154.

Public auction

Department of Industrial Training and Employment has decided to auction old and useless materials and articles such as small instruments, aluminium articles, brass scrap, raw materials, machinery, furniture etc., at the Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) located in N.R. Mohalla, on June 29 at 11 am. Interested may inspect the materials from 10 am to 4 pm on all working days. On the auction day, interested must credit Rs. 5,000 and get a token to participate in the open auction, according to a press release.

Power disruption

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation has taken up maintenance works at Devanur Power Distribution Centre on June 14, there will be no power from 10 am to 5.30 pm at Rammanahalli, Kalisiddanahundi, Hanchya, Sathagalli, Galigarahundi, Nehrunagar, DTS Rao Nagar, VTU College, Sunpure Layout, Sathagalli B Zone, Bharathangar and surrounding areas, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	105.52 feet
Yesterday	:	105.50 feet
Inflow	:	1,529 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,143 cusecs

KABINI DAM

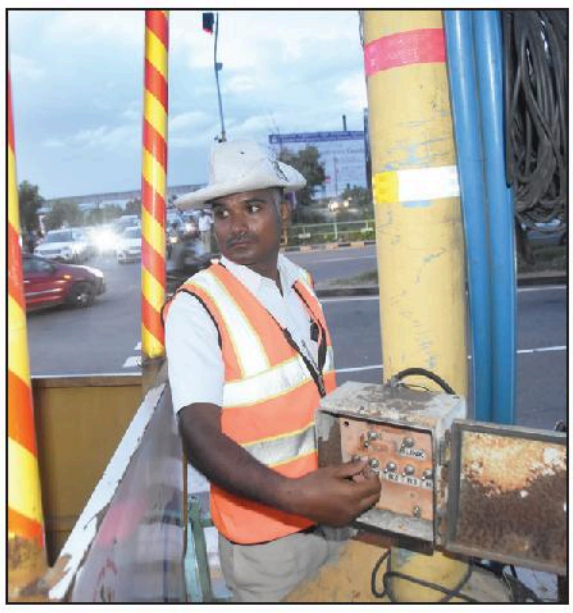
Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Saturday	:	2,261.43 feet
Inflow	:	318 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,000 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,851.00 feet
Inflow	:	507 cusecs
Outflow	:	50 cusecs

Day-long traffic bottleneck at Manipal Hospital Junction

Many vehicles had to wait for over two hours in bumper-to-bumper traffic



Mysuru, June 13 (SBD&BCT)- It will be a daunting task for the Traffic Police to regulate the long line of VIPs and Government officers from the Centre and State who are scheduled to arrive in Mysuru by road from Bengaluru and other places on the International Day of Yoga on June 21 as there are bound to be traffic bottlenecks at the entry points to the city, especially from Bengaluru.

A sample of the things to come was witnessed at Manipal Hospital Junction (formerly Columbia Asia Junction) yesterday where many vehicles were stranded on the road and some had to wait for more than two hours to cross the junction.

As it was a Sunday yesterday, along with the regular vehicles and trucks that commute on both sides of the road, there were vehicles of tourists who were coming and returning.

The Police had a tough time regulating the crowd from morning till late in the evening and the result was traffic had piled up for about two to three kilometres on all the four sides of the road.

On many occasions all throughout the day, the line of vehicles stretched on both sides of the road and it was impossible to regulate the traffic with the automatic signal lights.

Sensing this, the Traffic Police from Narasimharaja (NR) Traffic Police Station resorted to manually operate the signal lights with four to five Policemen taking turns operating the signals.

Those vehicles that had a smooth journey at many stretches of the ongoing 10-lane Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway were stuck at the Manipal Hospital junction and had to patiently await traffic clearance.

Couple obtains Rs. 38 lakh loan after submitting fake documents

Mysuru, June 13- A couple from city have obtained Rs. 38 lakh loan after allegedly submitting fake documents to a bank and a case has been registered against the couple.

The couple, against whom the case has been registered, is C. Sundaresh and his wife Kala, residents of Paduvarahalli in city.

Details: On Apr. 28, 2021, the couple submitted documents pertaining to site number 24 located in south of Paduvarahalli to MCDCC Bank on Chamaraja Double Road and had obtained a loan of Rs. 38 lakh from the Bank. The couple had submitted documents such as the original documents of the site and Encumbrance Certificate (EC) of the said site obtained from the Sub-Registrar's Office.

Even the Bank's Advocate, who examined the site documents, had stated that the site is clear of any loans and the couple have the absolute rights on the property, according to the complaint lodged by the Bank's in-Charge Branch Manager.

As the couple failed to repay the monthly instalment of the loan to the Bank, the Bank authorities in a bid to take legal action against the couple, got the documents verified at the Office of the Sub-Registrar during which they came to know that the documents were fake.

The Bank authorities then got the site documents verified at Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and here too they were told that the site documents were fake, the complaint stated.

Bank's in-Charge Branch Manager J.V. Savitha has lodged a complaint at K.R. Police Station and the Police are investigating.

Man goes missing from city

Girish

Mysuru, June 13- A 32-year-old man, who left his house on May 2 morning, saying that he was going to work, has since gone missing. The missing man is Girish, residing in Saraswathipuram Police limits.

Those having any information about Girish may contact Saraswathipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418323 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Chain-snatchers strike again

This time in Vijayanagar, Kuvempunagar Police limits

Mysuru, June 13 (SBD&KS)- After a brief lull, chain-snatchers have struck again at two places in city and this time too, the miscreants have targeted women in Kuvempunagar and Vijayanagar Police limits.

In the first case, a 50-year-old woman, residing in Maduvana Layout, was returning home after purchasing vegetables at about 6.30 pm, when two miscreants on a bike yanked of her 45 grams gold chain and sped away.

Kuvempunagar Police, who reached the crime spot, conducted a search for the miscreants but in vain. The Police have registered a case and are on a look out for the miscreants.

CCTV camera installed in the vicinity of the crime spot, has captured the footage of chain snatchers on a bike prowling in the area and the Police, who have collected the CCTV footage, have launched a hunt to nab the miscreants.

In the second case, a woman's gold chain has been snatched near Hinkal flyover in Vijayanagar Police limits and though the Police have confirmed about the incident, not much details have been received.

A screen grab of the CCTV footage showing chain snatchers on the bike.

It looks like the chain and mobile phone snatchers are targeting elderly women, students and women going on walks alone. On May 31 at about 5.15 pm, an elderly woman, who was on her evening walk in Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 2nd phase was targeted and the chain snatchers had a snatched a part of her gold chain. She had lost about 10 grams gold chain while she managed to hold on to the rest of the chain.

On June 9 at about 6.30 am, bike borne miscreants had snatched the mobile phone of a youth, when he was walking on the Ring Road near Shakthinagar.

Tusker Kusha returns to Dubare; joins herd

- Travels from Bandipur to reach Wayanad, Nagarahole and crosses Thithimathi range
- Forest Department continuously monitoring herd movement in his familiar territory

A file photo of Kusha at Dubare.

Tusker Kusha inside the Dubare Range in a video grab provided by the Forest Department.

Kushalnagar, June 13 (Akshay &BCT)- Tusker Kusha, who was radio-collared and left inside the Bandipur Tiger Reserve from his original place at Dubare Elephant Camp, has returned to its familiar territory. He has been spotted inside the Dubare Range Forest abutting the camp and is roaming around with a herd that has a couple of female elephants.

From Bandipur, he entered the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve and has taken the Thithimathi-Maldare route to reach Dubare. His movement was tracked by project scientists from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) at Dehradun.

In December last year, the WII scientists had alerted the Dubare Forest officers that Kusha will soon reach Dubare and now the officers have confirmed to *Star of Mysore* that Kusha has joined the herd and is in its familiar territory.

The 30-year-old jumbo was released at Moolehole Range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve, more than 150 kilometres from Dubare last June and after one year of walking, now it is back. It took six months for him to cross Bandipur and reach Wayanad and cross the Kabini range to enter the Nagarahole National Park.

It took another six months to reach Dubare, officials said and added that elephants are intelligent animals and it can sense their familiar territory from far and wide. Elephants are known to migrate across 350-500 sq. km. annually.

Interestingly, when Kusha was released to Kabini after radio-collaring, many wildlife enthusiasts were not happy with the fact that he was released in Bandipur, a territory that is unfamiliar to him. Now Kusha has belied their expectation and has returned home.

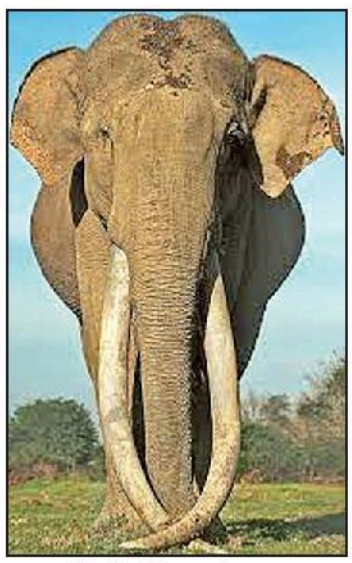
Dubare Range Forest Officer Shivaram told *SOM* this morning that at present, Kusha is feeding and covering territories with the herd and the Department was monitoring its movement.

"We have the videos of him moving along the herd and female elephants. Dubare is his familiar territory and it might even come to the Camp as it had stayed there for months and we need to be prepared," he said. Deputy Conservator of Forests A.T. Poovaiah too confirmed that Kusha was seen with four elephants that were released from Dubare Camp.

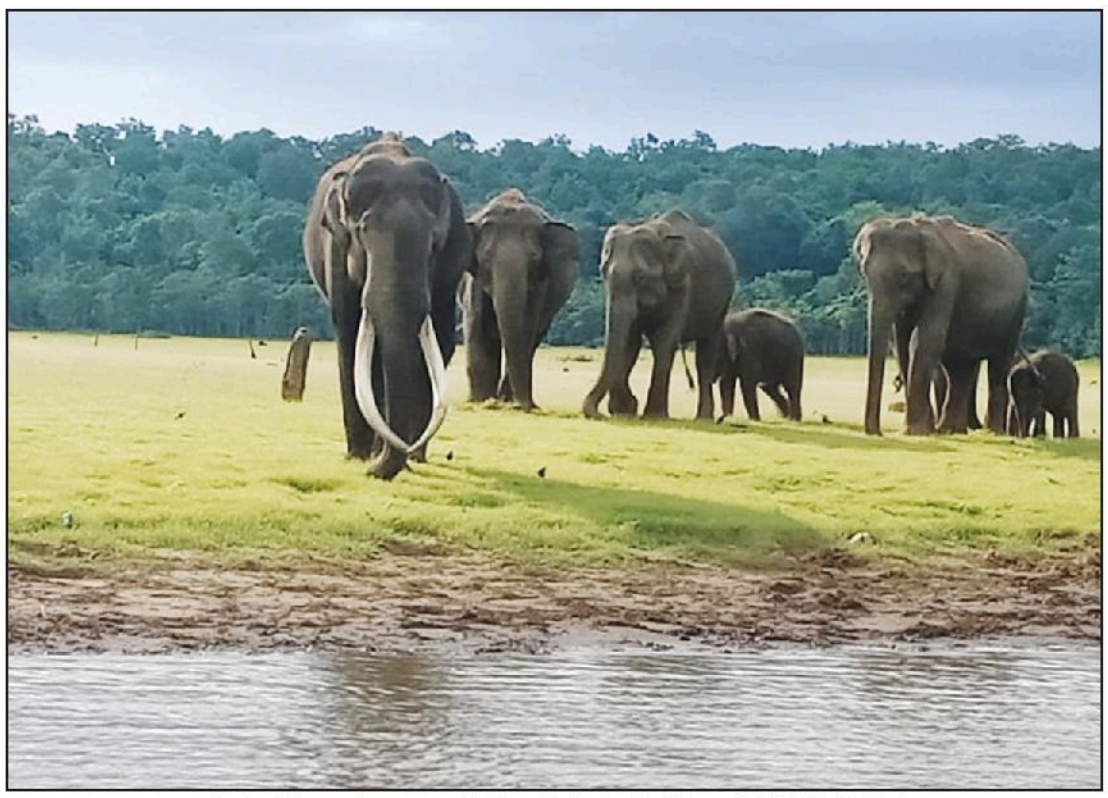
Kusha was captured by the Kodagu Forest Department in 2018 at Chettalli along with another elephant named Luv. After taming him at Dubare Elephant Camp, he was put to routine work of the Department for over three years. However, he escaped from the camp when he was in 'musth' and was traced after more than one year along with a mate.

He was recaptured and brought to Dubare and was retamed. Following a hue and cry and ethical questions over Kusha being separated from his mate and the intervention of Maneka Gandhi, the Forest Department ordered his release after radio collaring him.

'Junior Bhogeshwara' makes its presence felt at Kabini



Senior Bhogeshwara



Junior Bhogeshwara spotted amidst a herd at Sunset Point in Kabini.

H.D. Kote, June 13 (Manju&BCT)- While wildlife lovers and those who frequent Kabini and Nagarahole will miss tusker Bhogeshwara who was the longest-tusked elephant in Asia, here is some good news to cheer. A 'Junior Bhogeshwara' has been sighted in Kabini and is set to take over the pride of place occupied by Bhogeshwara who passed away two days back.

Bhogeshwara was lovingly called Mr. Kabini as he used to give very good photo-op to the wildlife photographers and filmmakers and its majestic walk with 8.46-ft tusks had mesmerised many. There are hundreds of photos, videos and stories online to prove this point.

The Junior Bhogeshwara has made its presence felt near the Sunset point at Masthigudi in the Kabini backwaters that come under Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. Seeing the tusks that are similar to the senior Bhogeshwara, the tourists have named him Junior Bhogeshwara.

Though the tusks are not as long as that of the late senior elephant, Junior's tusks have a similar U shape. If the tusks grow further, they will cross each other like in the case of Bhogeshwara.

As it is the elephants in the wild, the Forest Department does not have the practice of naming the elephants. Even the names Bhogeshwara, Mr. Kabini and now Junior Bhogeshwara are given by tourists and photographers.

Department sources said that there are at least five to six giant elephants that have long tusks in Kabini backwaters. But senior Bhogeshwara's tusks had crossed each other and were touching the ground and this had made the elephant unique, sources added.

Wildlife photographer Satish B. Aradhya said that though the demise of Bhogeshwara had saddened thousands of his fans, the sighting of Junior Bhogeshwara has brought some solace.

National Herald money laundering case

Rahul Gandhi reaches ED Office after protest march

New Delhi, June 13 (Agencies)- Following a huge protest by the Congress on the streets of Delhi, party leader Rahul Gandhi reached the Office of Enforcement Directorate (ED) this noon for questioning in the *National Herald* money laundering case.

Rahul Gandhi, accompanied by sister and Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, headed towards the ED Office amid party workers' slogans against the Central Government.

The Congress march made it through two points of barricading, but was stopped at the third point where Delhi Police had deployed heavy force to halt the protest rally. At that point, Priyanka Gandhi turned back with the Congress leaders while Rahul Gandhi and his counsel proceeded for the questioning.

The Congress leaders then sat on the streets and continued their protest. Later, top Congress leaders were detained, put in buses and taken away from the spot.

Earlier, the top Congress leaders, who reached the party headquarters in Delhi this morning to join the protest included Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, his Chhattisgarh counterpart Bhupesh Baghel, Digvijaya Singh, P. Chidambaram, Jairam Ramesh, Sachin Pilot, Mukul

Wasnik, Gaurav Gogoi and Rajeev Shukla.

Police had imposed prohibitory orders near the ED Office after refusing permission for the protest march last night, citing "communal and law and order situation" and VVIP movements. The Congress leaders had urged them to reconsider the decision, but to no avail.

Sonia Gandhi too has been summoned by the Central agency in this case. She had sought more time after she tested COVID positive. The agency has now issued her a fresh summons for June 23. Last afternoon, the Congress Chief Sonia Gandhi had to be admitted to a hospital in Delhi due to COVID-related issues.

The ED's probe pertains to alleged financial irregularities in the Congress-promoted Young Indian Private limited that owns the *National Herald* newspaper. The newspaper is published by the Associated Journals Limited (AJL) and owned by Young Indian Private Limited.

Rahul Gandhi is expected to be grilled about the incorporation of the Young Indian company, the operations of the *National Herald* and the funds transfer within the news media establishment.

The ED had recently registered a fresh case under the criminal provisions of the PMLA after a trial court here took cognisance of an Income Tax Department probe against Young Indian Private Limited on the basis of a private criminal complaint filed by BJP MP Dr. Subramanian Swamy in 2013.

'Yoga has gained tremendous popularity globally'

PM Modi tweets in Kannada

New Delhi, June 13 (Agencies)- Ahead of the eighth International Day of Yoga (IDY) on June 21, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said this morning that yoga has gained tremendous popularity globally.

'In the last few years, Yoga has gained tremendous popularity globally. People from different walks of life including leaders, CEOs, sportspersons and actors regularly practice Yoga and talk about how it has helped them,' PM Modi, who is scheduled to lead the Mass Yoga at Mysore Palace, said in a tweet in many Indian languages including Kannada: ಕಳೆದ ಕೆಲವು ವರ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ, ಯೋಗವು ಜಾಗತಿಕವಾಗಿ ಅಪಾರ ಜನಪ್ರಿಯತೆ ಗಳಿಸಿದೆ. ನಾಯಕರು, ಸಿಇಒಗಳು, ಕ್ರೀಡಾಪಟುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ನಟರು ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಸಮಾಜದ ವಿವಿಧ ಸ್ತರಗಳ ಜನರು ನಿಯಮಿತವಾಗಿ ಯೋಗವನ್ನು ಅಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅದರಿಂದ ಅವರಿಗಾಗಿರುವ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

He also posted a video which highlighted various details and benefits of the ancient Indian practice and carried snippets of his remarks at the United Nations General Assembly in 2014. Subsequently, June 21 was adopted as International Day of Yoga.

Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel

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However, M. Appanna, the Chairman of the Jungle Lodges and Resorts, said that the issue has not come to his notice. "I am not aware of the issue and I have no idea if the discussion will come up in the Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting," he told *Star of Mysore*.

Manoj Kumar clarified that the Jungle Lodges and Resorts Chairman is not a member of the Cabinet Sub-Committee and as such he may not be aware of the issue. "Yes, the Lalitha Mahal is on the agenda and we will wait for the decision," he added.

He was, however, non-committal about the handing over of the luxury Hotel to the Taj Group. Department of Tourism Director T. Venkatesh told reporters that the Cabinet Sub-Committee will not meet to privatise Lalitha Mahal Hotel. "Only the management will be handed over to a private player for a certain period," he added.

In January last year, the Taj Group offered to run the luxury hotel at a virtual meeting that was chaired by the then CM B.S. Yediyurappa. The Tata Group was represented by Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran and other top executives of the company.

Sources said that if the Government decides to hand over the State-run enterprise to private parties, it has to do so after floating a Request For Proposals (RFP) or global tenders. Once the tenders are called for, the property will be leased out to the highest bidder, sources added.

LC polls: Voting held amidst tight Police security

Many graduates return disappointed

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The candidates in the fray are: M.V. Ravishankar of BJP, Madhu G. Madegowda of Congress, H.K. Ramu of JD(S), Rafatullah Khan of SDPI, Vatal Nagaraj of Kannada Chaluvali Vatal Paksha, N. Veerabhadraswamy of RPI, Dr. B.H. Channakeshavamurthy (backed by BSP), Dr. J. Arunkumar, C. Kavyashri, Puttaswamy, Prasanna N.Gowda (backed by KRS, AAP, DSS etc.) K.P. Prasannakumar, M. Mahesh, Dr. J.C. Ravindra, N. Rajendrasingh Babu, S. Ramu, N.S. Vinay, Dr. H.L. Venkatesh and H.P. Sujatha.

The polling will end at 5 pm and the ballot papers will be brought from all the polling booths under Police security, to Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College on Valmiki road in Paduvarahalli in the city, where they will be kept in strong rooms.

The counting of votes will be taken up at 8 am on June 15 and the results will be announced the same day after all rounds of counting.

Mysuru, June 13(RK&DM)- The LC polls today had a flip side too, as the names of many graduates, who have been casting their ballots for decades, were found missing from the electoral rolls, much to their astonishment and disappointment.

Sources said that the missing of old voters is chiefly attributed to the preparation of an entirely new electoral roll over 6 months ago following a direction from the Election Commission.

Pointing out that old voters may have been left out this time for want of renewal or submission of a fresh set of documents, the sources said many old voters, who visited the booths, were unaware of the renewal process or preparation of fresh list of voters and as such they had remained quiet thinking that they can vote as they had exercised their franchise many times in the past.

Adding to the confusion, the poll authorities had shifted the polling booths of many voters to booths that came under the address of voters as mentioned in their Aadhar cards. This apart, many other eligible graduates did not bother to check the electoral rolls for their names after submitting the required documents, the sources said, adding that the names of thousands of old voters in the Constituency may have been missing this time.

MP Pratap Simha and others guiding the voters.

BJP candidate M.V. Ravishankar and JD(S) candidate H.K. Ramu exercised their franchise at Kuvempunagar Government Higher Primary School near Bhanavi Hospital, while MP Pratap Simha cast his ballot at Ramakrishna Vidya Kendra, Ramakrishnanagar, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa and former MLC Siddaraju at Srikantha Balika High School in Agrahara, K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas and Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji at Balabodhini School in Chamundipuram and KPCC Women's Wing State President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath at a polling booth in Hunsur town.

Nitin Gadkari to fly back to New Delhi this afternoon

Mysuru, June 13 (RK&KS)- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari and his family, who were on a six-day tour of Mysuru and Kodagu, is scheduled to fly back to New Delhi in a chartered flight from Mysore Airport at Mandakalli this afternoon. The flight is scheduled to depart Mysore Airport at about 2.15 pm.

The Minister and his family members, who arrived in Mysuru on June 8, stayed at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel in city and left for Kodagu on June 9. The Union Minister and his family members, who arrived from Kodagu to Mysuru this noon, had lunch at Suttur Mutt. They were accompanied by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and other BJP leaders.

Gadkari and his family were scheduled to leave Mysuru in a private chartered plane at 2.15 pm, when we went to the Press.

'World gripped by darkness of an emotionless life'

Prof. K.L. Padmini Hegde's work 'Rasaharshavarsha' released

Mysuru, June 13 (PM&DM)- Asserting that the world is gripped by the darkness of an emotionless life, senior Journalist from Uttara Kannada K. Krishnamurthy Hebbar Karki regretted that we are living in a lifeless world that is lacking in emotion and caring.

He was speaking after releasing writer Prof. K.L. Padmini Hegde's work titled 'Rasaharshavarsha' at a programme organised by Kavyaranjini Sabha at Namana Kalamantapa in Krishnamurthypuram here yesterday.

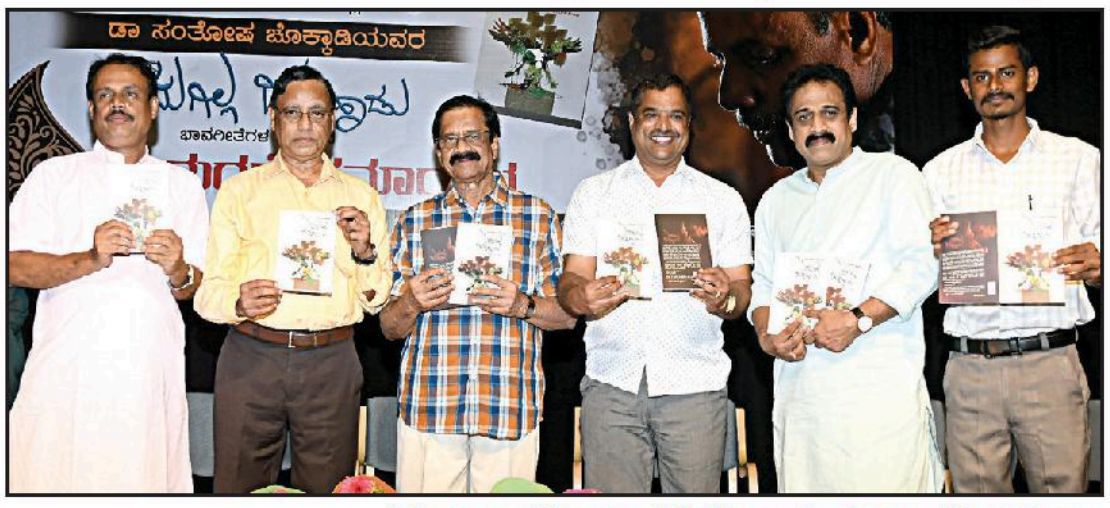
Bemoaning that we are living in a lifeless and listless world amidst concrete jungles and skyscrapers, Krishnamurthy maintained that in the past, *Ramayana* and *Vachanas* used to be read out in houses, which spurred a life of enthusiasm among the population.

Observing that as human beings, we have to understand the pains, sorrows and joys of others, he regretted that we are leading such a modernity driven mechanical life where we tend to ignore the plight of our fellow human beings. "We have failed in guiding the people on treading the right path of life," he added.

Former Regional Institute of Education (RIE) faculty Prof. S. Raghavendra Bhat presided.

Department of Public Instruction Cluster Officer Dr. Mallappa Basavaraj, former Sanskrit faculty Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, writer Gajanan Eshwar Hegde, the book author Prof. K.L. Padmini Hegde, Mysuru District Gamaka Kala Parishat Secretary Krupa Manjunath, Treasurer Prabhakar, Kavyaranjini Sabha's K. Ramachandra and others were present on the occasion.

'New generation poets do not have knowledge of prosody'



'Namagilla Hakkihaadu,' a collection of Bhavageethes, released

Mysuru, June 13 (GA&DM)- Maintaining that most of new generation poets who are into Bhavageethe writing are lacking in prosodic and rhyme skills, senior poet B.R. Lakshman Rao bemoaned that modern day poets do not have much knowledge about our rich traditions.

He was speaking after releasing writer Dr. Santosh Chokkadi's work 'Namagilla Hakkihaadu,' a collection of Bhavageethes, at a programme jointly organised by Channarayapatna's Yadunandana Prakashana and Bengaluru-based Upasana, at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Nrupathunga School premises here on Sunday.

Observing that those who write thoughtlessly cannot become good poets, Lakshman Rao said that writers should conceptualise that Bhavageethe is a form of art or an art work.

Contending that the content of Bhavageethes resemble a poem these days, he said that though he had written a good number of serious poems, people recognise him as a Bhavageethe poet. It is the Bhavageethes that remain etched in the minds of people for long, he added.

Lakshman Rao further said that Dr. Santosh Chokkadi's work features a good content of prosodic and rhyming words and all his collections are diverse in nature.

Yadunandana Prakashana's Rajesh B. Honnenahalli, in his keynote address, said that 'Namagilla Hakkihaadu' is the 30th publication of his publishing company. Pointing out that his company gives a prize to the best work every year, he said that there are plans to bring a quarterly magazine.

Writer Dr. H.S. Sathyanarayan spoke about the book. Visiting faculty and former Prasaranga Director Prof. C. Naganna presided. Music Director Upasana Mohan, Bhavageethe singers Meghana Bhat and Aishwarya Sudhindra and others were present.

Mysuru Unit of ABGP holds Consumer Welfare Meet

Mysuru, June 13 (PM&DM)- Akhila Bharatiya Grahaka Panchayat (ABGP) National Executive Member Vijay Sagar said that the ABGP is putting more onus on resolving farm and rural livelihood issues. He was speaking at a consumer welfare meeting organised by Mysuru Unit of ABGP at Madhava Krupa on JLB Road here on Sunday.

Stating that the ABGP is an RSS wing working for the welfare of the rural masses, Vijay Sagar said that every individual is a consumer in some way or the other. Pointing out that all those interested in doing service can join the ABGP, he stressed on the need for sensitising people on consumer issues.

Declaring that the ABGP has its own website, where information of all the activities of the organisation across the country is available, he said that interested people can become members online.

He further said that the ABGP brings out 'Grahaka Bharati', a fortnightly focussing on consumer awareness, he said that the ABGP set up an online service for addressal of consumer issues during the recent COVID crisis.

Asserting that 'Consumer Protection Act-2019' is a legal tool in the hands of consumers, Vijay Sagar said, ABGP has joined hands with other organisations for building a totally self-reliant India.

ABGP office-bearers Rajesh, Gayathri, Vani Bhaskar, Ravishankar, Vikram Iyengar and others were present.

Vehicle for Vihar Seva donated to Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Yuva Sanghatana

Mysuru, June 13- Darla Family PMD Charitable Trust has donated a Maruti Eeco for Vihar Seva to Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Yuva Sanghatana, Mysuru, in the presence of Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Sangh President Subhashchand Dhoka, Secretary Budhmal Baghmar, Yuva Sanghatana President Manohar Sankala and Vice-President Navrathan Darla and members of Sangh and Sanghatana.

The Maruti Eeco vehicle will be used for Vihar Seva by the members going to far away places with Jain Muni.

Bhawarlal Darla handed over the key to Founder-President of Yuva Sanghatana Budhmal Baghmar. Bhawarlal, Mothilal, Kanmal, Manmal, Kishore Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Rajesh Kumar, Mahendra Kumar, Vishal Kumarji, Bharath Darla family were present on the occasion.

House burgled in city

Mysuru, June 13- House burglars, who broke into the house of a retired lecturer on Vani Vilas Road, have decamped with gold ornaments and cash from the house.

The burglary took place at the house of M.S. Padma, a retired lecturer of Mysore University. She had been to Bengaluru on June 7 and on June 9, her brother called her over the phone and informed her that the door of her house was found broken following which she rushed to Mysuru.

On inspecting the house, Padma found a total of 222 grams gold jewellery including two pairs of gold bangles weighing 60 grams, 30 grams gold with black beads chain, 30 grams gold necklace, 50 grams double gold chain, 29 grams gold chain and mangalya, 11 grams earrings, maati and four finger rings weighing 12 grams and Rs. 18,000 cash missing. KR Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Mobile phone snatched

Mysuru, June 13- Bike-borne miscreants have snatched a mobile phone of a Chef on Krishna Vilas Road here on May 10 night.

The man, who lost his mobile phone, is Rabiyul, a native of West Bengal, who is working as a North Indian Chef at a private hotel on Jaganmohan Palace Road in city.

On May 10 at about 11 pm, Rabiyul was walking and speaking over the phone, when two miscreants, who came on a bike from the opposite direction, snatched his mobile phone and sped away.

A case has been registered at Devaraja Police Station.

Java Plum: Ordinary fruit with extraordinary demand

Jamun-laden bicycles, carts make a comeback after 2 years of COVID pandemic

Mysuru / Srirangapatna, June 13 (Vinay Karekura & SSM)- With 2020 summer washed out in COVID and 2021 summer filled with lockdowns and restrictions, vendors of Mysuru's favourite dark fruit, Jamun, were a disappointed lot.

It is during summer, as the mango season hits its peak production or when the production declines, Jamun carts fill the street corners, main roads, boulevards and where there is concentration of people.

This year (2022), the vendors are happy to be back on the streets with a bang and are selling heaps of black cherries on round cane carriers on a bicycle. Go to any street corner, both in Mysuru and Srirangapatna, you see these cycles carrying cherries, neatly arranged in an appetising way, forcing a motorist to stop by and ask for the price.

Java plum (Jambu Nerale), also known as black plum or Jamun, is nothing less than a summer super fruit and with many nutritional benefits. It is a fruit which attracts all the age-groups, who crave to taste it as the season arrives.

Demand high so are rates

Though the last two years were tough for the vendors, this year they are back with increased demand and increased prices too. They sell the fruits at Rs. 280 to Rs. 300 per kg and many enterprising vendors say, "just Rs. 70 or Rs. 80 for quarter kilo." Those fruits that are fresh are even sold at Rs. 110 to Rs. 120 for 250 grams.

The demand is so high that the rates don't come down a notch even in the evening. In Mysuru city, the fruit is sold on the Crawford Hall Road, Kalidasa Road, Yadavagiri near Akashvani, Kalidasa Road (Panchavati Circle), near Deputy Commissioner's Office and some residential pockets in Vijayangar, Kuvempunagar, Ramakrishnanagar and Saraswathipuram.

Other prominent places include in front of the Loyal World Supermarket in V.V. Mohalla and Mathrumandali Circle. On an average, the vendors sell a minimum of two tonnes per day.

Normally in the evening, vendors are in a hurry to go home and many of them sell the fruits at throwaway prices. But here in Jamun's case, the vendors keep the fruits for the next day instead of selling them for less prices. If they are fresh fruits, they will keep them for at least two days before even getting ready for bargaining with buyers.

The bright colour, enticing texture and intense sweetness of the fruit has increased its demand every year and everywhere. Jamun is loaded with nutrition. Java Plum fruits are sold through local markets and roadside stands, foraged from wild and cultivated trees.

The fruit stands as a competitor to expensive fruits like apples and pomegranates. While the customers end up paying Rs. 200 to Rs. 280 per kg in markets, the merchants and fruit dealers get it at Rs. 100 per kg from farmers.

Associated childhood memories

The fruit reminds many of the beautiful childhood memories of picking the dark fruit straight from the giant tree and enjoying its taste which leaves purple stains on the tongue. Native to India, Java Plum is a pretty fruit with rich colour and sweet taste and is a fruit of the flowering tree called Syzygium cumini. It usually fruits during May and June.

Medicinal properties

The rich fruit contains naturally occurring sugar called fructose and glucose which contains very few calories. 100 grams of Java Plum gives just 62 calories and 18 mg Vitamin C, 15 mg Calcium, 15 mg Phosphorus, 26.5 mg Sodium, 55 mg Potassium, 5 mg Magnesium and small amounts of thiamine, riboflavin, carotene, folic acid, fibre and negligible fat. The fruit is loaded with water content, making it a suitable fruit to have during the hot summer months.

Java fruits benefit in controlling excessive blood flow during cuts and prevents infection. It helps in increasing haemoglobin count, boosts heart health, aids in weight loss, improves gastric health and boosts immunity and also helps in regulating blood pressure. Doctors and Ayurvedic practitioners recommend this fruit raw for diabetics and in fact, there are certain medicines that are named after this fruit.

The pulp of the fruit is used in making vine, vinegar, jam etc. The seed of the fruit has medicinal properties and is used to treat diabetes and diarrhoea. The fruit has been used to treat diabetes for centuries and the seed is most effective and useful in both insulin-dependent and non-insulin-dependent diabetes.

Java Plum trees are wonderful for shade. But in recent years, people have become used to eating the large hybrid variety that comes to Mysuru predominantly from Bengaluru, Chikkaballapur and Kolar. The hybrid variety has more water content and is not as sweet as the desi varieties.

In Mysuru, it is grown in Rammanahalli, Hanchya and surrounding villages an vendors come to the city early in the morning, hoping to take good profits by the time they return.

Textbook row: Congress MLA urges CM not to destroy future of children

Mysuru, June 13 (SBD&DM)- Accusing the State Government of spreading hatred and communal divisions among the people, Congress MLA Priyank Kharge urged Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai not to play with the future of children by distorting history in school text books.

Addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan near City Railway Station here on Saturday, Priyank Kharge, son of veteran Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge, said that the Government, instead of getting itself mired in text book revision, should take immediate measures for timely distribution of text books, school uniforms and stationeries.

Maintaining that CM Bommai is trying to appease the BJP top brass for saving his post, he demanded the Government to withdraw all text books revised by Rohit Chakrathirtha-headed Committee, in the better interests and future of children.

Stating that BJP leaders can bring out a separate book on the RSS if they are so much fond of the Hindu outfit, Priyank said that at the same time, the book should contain facts and truths.

Questioning the CM on why he was playing to the tunes of RSS, he wondered why the CM, who has an intellectual mindset, had become so helpless.

Urging the Government to supply the previous non-revised text books, he contended that the Congress was not against periodic revision. But the Congress wants the text books to be reviewed by a Committee of subject experts, he added.

Charging the BJP of corrupting young minds by telling lies in text books, he suspected that the BJP is doing this to consolidate its cadre and base through text book revision exercise.

Asserting that the people know who are patriots and who are not, he said that the Congress is severely opposed for advocating 'Manusmriti.'

The Government should not make any attempt to scuttle the scientific mindset among children, he added. Highlighting the achievements of the Congress, Priyank appealed the voters to elect Madhu G. Madegowda, the party candidate for the Legislative Council polls from South Graduates Constituency.

KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana, who also addressed the press meet, challenged MP Pratap Simha to fix a date before June 24 for a debate on the contributions of former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah to Mysuru.

He also blamed the JD(S) for the victory of the third candidate of the BJP in the just held Rajya Sabha polls.

Terming the JD(S) as the 'B' team of BJP, he alleged that former CM and senior JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy was making nonsense remarks of late.

City Congress President R. Murthy, District President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, party leaders Narendra, Shivanna, Akbar Ali, Prabhu and others were present.

Government constructing one lakh houses in urban areas: CM

Bengaluru, June 13 (KMS& DM)- Declaring that the Government has set in motion construction of one lakh more houses in urban areas, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the construction of 52,000 houses is completed and work order for the construction of 50,000 more houses has been issued.

He was speaking after laying the foundation stone for the construction of 1,588 houses for slum-dwellers of Rajarajeshwarinagar Assembly segment, under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana at Rajarajeshwarinagar in Bengaluru on Sunday.

Pointing out that he had promised development of Bengaluru under Nagarothana scheme, improvement of civic amenities in slum areas and conservation of lakes, Bommai said that the construction of 1,588 houses is being taken up as part of his promise.

Stating that the Government has hiked subsidy for SC/ST housing beneficiaries from Rs. 1.75 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh, he said that 5,000 Government lands have been identified for the benefit of poor families, who will get either a house or a site.

Maintaining that the State and Central Governments together have paid Rs. 22,000 crore as compensation for crop loss due to national disasters, he said that the Housing Department, in association with Karnataka Slum Development Board, will work for infrastructure development in slum areas.

MLA Harshavardhan submits memorandum to CM

Mysuru/ Nanjangud, June 13- Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan on Wednesday met Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and requested him to take steps to ensure that there is no room for a recurrence of any incidents that insult and disrespect Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

The MLA met the CM in Mysuru when the latter had come to city for campaigning for the MLC elections. The MLA also submitted a memorandum to Bommai in this regard.

The MLA said that while revising the textbooks, not referring to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as the Architect of the Constitution, was unacceptable.

The lessons on Saint Basavanna and Rashtrakavi Kuvempu were also not true to the facts, in the opinion of many. Such omissions should not recur in the future as that would hurt the sentiments of the people, he said in the memorandum.

Siddu takes a break to watch 'Kurukshetra' drama

Mysuru, June 13 (MK&BCT)- Taking a break from his busy schedule, former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah watched a mythological play enacted by advocates in Mysuru on Saturday evening at Kalamandira. He came to Mysuru to watch the play 'Kurukshetra' — from political 'Kurukshetra' to a mythological one after the Rajya Sabha elections.

Interestingly, the staging of the play was organised by Mysore Bar Association and advocates themselves enacted various roles. After watching the play, Siddharamaiah recalled his days as an advocate where he used to watch a lot of plays.

"When I was studying in a Law College, I played the role of a doctor in a play called 'Yamadharmarayana Sannidhi' but I did not become a doctor in real life. Instead after being an advocate, I plunged into politics," he said.

The late Kannada Thespian Dr. Rajkumar and Telugu Thespian N.T. Rama Rao had grown into well-known artistes because of their performances in mythological plays. "Unfortunately there is a decline in interest for mythological plays nowadays. Efforts must be made to make the plays more interesting and bring back the public interest," he said.

He complimented the Bar Association for pursuing interest in art and culture, especially in mythological drama.

Siddharamaiah, who came to Kalamandira from Bengaluru, enjoyed the play staged by the advocates, who donned the roles of Arjuna, Bheema and Draupadi.

Later, the former CM was felicitated. Though the advocates insisted that Siddharamaiah address the gathering, he refused and just focussed on watching the play.

Siddharamaiah was accompanied by former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLC D. Thimmaiah, former MLAs M.K Somashekar and Vasu, Congress leader Harish Gowda and Bar Association Vice-President Puttasiddegowda.

Lions Club of Mysore South conducts service activities

Mysuru, June 13- The Lions Club of Mysore South 317A had organised the following service activities recently:

The Club provided a locker of 15 compartments and academic notebooks to Sai Ranga Vidya Samsthe, a Residential School for Deaf and Dumb, in Bannimantap, near JSS Dental College. Raghunath Reddy, Head Master and the staff of the school were present on the occasion.

Similarly, a locker of 15 compartments and academic notebooks were handed over to Smt. Putteeramma Girls School for Deaf and Dumb, located near Bisilu Maramma Temple in T.K. Layout in the presence of Manjunath, Head Master and the staff.

Household utensils and waterproof mattresses were given to Ashraya Charitable Trust in N.R. Mohalla.

All the above donations were worth about Rs. 2 lakh.

The service activities were conducted under the leadership of Lion B. Smitha Devaiah, President, Lion Vinod Rashinkar, Secretary, Lion Vittala, Zonal Chairperson, Past Presidents Lion Rajan, Lion Sathish Babu, Lion N.V. Sathish and Lion Shankar.

WORD OF THE DAY

Decry

Pronunciation: dih-KRY.
Meaning: Decry is a formal word that means "to express strong disapproval of."
Origin: Decry has several synonyms in English, among them disparage and belittle. Decry connotes an open condemnation that makes it the best choice for cases in which criticism is not at all veiled. The forthrightness expressed by the word is an echo from its ancestry: decry was borrowed in the 17th century from the French décrier, meaning "to discredit, depreciate," and the crier in that word is also the source of our word cry, the oldest meaning of which is "to utter loudly; shout."
Example: "While some celebrated [Kim] Kardashian for her nod to the icon [Marilyn Monroe], others worried about the implications of her wearing the real gown. Costume historians and conservationists decried the unfortunate precedent it would set and the potential damage it could cause." —Maureen Lee Lenker

THE ODD WORD

Dasyure

Flesh-eating marsupial.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A diamond in the rough

Meaning: The phrase 'A Diamond in the Rough' refers to someone or something whose good qualities are hidden.
Origin: If you've ever seen an uncut diamond (a diamond in the rough) you know it looks nothing like the sparkling gemstones found adorning rings and other jewellery. The origin of the idiom 'a diamond in the rough' isn't known, but it's safe to say that the term was used as early as the 1600s; a similar term first appeared in print in John Fletcher's 1624 A Wife for a Month: "She is very honest, and will be as hard to cut as a rough diamond."
Example: "This film is one of those diamonds in the rough — a wonderful gem that almost no one has noticed."

QUOTE BOX

A diamond is a chunk of coal that is made good under pressure.

—Henry Kissinger

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Step sister

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Foreman foe
4 As soon as possible, acronym
8 Noah's ship
11 Memory, in short
12 Cursed or used a swear word?
14 Greek X
15 "Tea" in India
16 Artist's prop
17 Border
18 FBI agent (slang) (1-3)
20 Game-ending pronouncement (1,3)
22 River of Flanders
24 American dinner jacket
26 Belonging to us
27 Speedy
28 Turkish governor
29 Colour scheme
30 One __ __ time (singly) ? (2,1)
33 Dead language
34 Movement of a bird's wings
35 Lump of gold
37 Formerly, once
38 An arm and _ __ (1,3)
39 Eat out
41 PC panic button
42 Pop star ___ John
45 Song and dance
48 Fr. holy title
49 Perch
50 Early morning moisture
51 Scottish port
52 Mexican coin
53 Currency of Japan

DOWN
1 Annual maintenance contract
2 J&K district
3 Figurative language
4 Aboard ship
5 Aquatic bird
6 Ancient Order of the Shepherds
7 Before or ahead of
8 Bitter to taste
9 Zoo beast
10 Kimberley's pet name?
13 Panacea, nostrum
19 Married woman sometimes
21 Marry
22 Teenage lout
23 Bring to court
24 Understood
25 Atop or over
27 Anatomical network
29 Knife
30 By now, previously
31 True Air Speed, abbr.
32 Fitting
33 Large, abbr.
34 English marsh
35 Distasteful
36 A slow-to-heal wound
39 Sleep or kip down?
40 Keen on
41 Conductor __-Pekka Salonen
43 Cut off or sever
44 Part of a shoe
46 Scottish river
47 Have or possess

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	R	M			A	B	C		R	S	V	P
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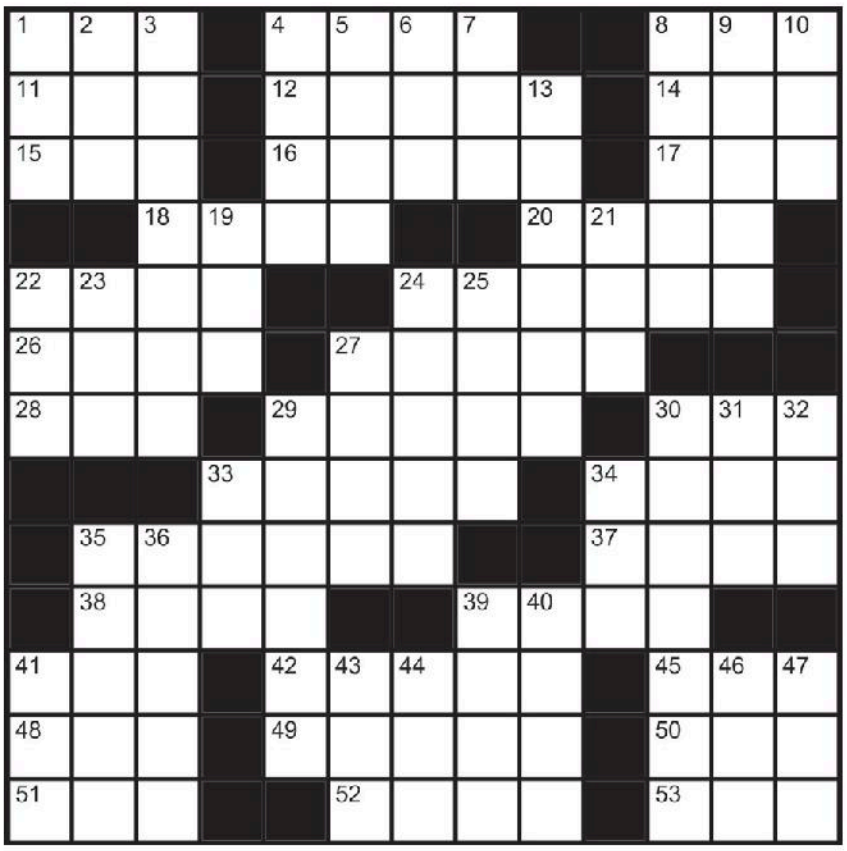

SUDOKU

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	4			9				6
1	3		5		6		4	7
9				8			5	
				5	8	6		
2	6					1		
					1			

Answer to previous puzzle

4	3	6	7	1	2	8	5	9
2	1	8	3	9	5	7	6	4
5	7	9	8	4	6	2	3	1
1	8	7	2	6	9	3	4	5
9	4	3	5	7	8	1	2	6
6	5	2	1	3	4	9	8	7
3	9	5	4	2	7	6	1	8
8	6	1	9	5	3	4	7	2
7	2	4	6	8	1	5	9	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

EX AKB QKBDG MU JBLSULR, MU MOEUX; XKO ER EP

QERN QKOGP VP QERN PBLMUVZP - RNU ZKOU RNUA

VOU WKLGULPUG, RNU GUUJUO RNUA MBOL.

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS I

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The voice of the sea speaks to the soul.

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	(S-2)	10.10 pm
	(S-4)	9.35 am, 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Dear Friend (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 am
Vikram (Ta)	(S-2)	12.20 pm
	(S-3)	9.30 am, 3.30 pm, 6.50 pm
Ante... Sundaraniki ! (Te)	(S-2)	3.30 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Sri Allama Prabhu (K)	(S-3)	12.45 pm

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	(S-4)	1.05 pm, 4.25 pm
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		6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Ante... Sundaraniki ! (Te)	(S-3)	2.35 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-4)	9.40 am
Bhool Bhulaiya 2 (H)	(S-2)	12.40 pm
Vikram (Ta)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 6.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.20 pm
Dear Friend (Ma)	(S-4)	7.45 pm

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		6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
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Vikram (Ta)	:	11.15 am, 2:45 pm,
		6.15 pm, 9.45 pm
KGF Chapter 2 (K)	:	12.10 pm
Major (Te)	:	12.35 pm
Major (H)	:	6.30 pm
Janhit Mein Jaari (H)	:	2.35 pm
Smrat Prithviraj (H)	:	3.35 pm
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Dear Friend (Ma)	:	9.35 pm
Bool Bhulaiyaa 2 (H)	:	10.00 pm

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		6.30 pm, 10.00 pm
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		7.05 pm, 10.15 pm
Ante Sundaraniki (Te)	:	11.10 am, 6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Vikram (Ta)	:	12.20 pm, 2.45 pm
		6.15 pm, 9:45 pm
Major (Te)	:	3.50 pm

Boxers from Mysuru bag medals at Karnataka Mini Olympics-2022

Boxing team from Mysuru, which won six medals in Karnataka Mini Olympics-2022 held at Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru recently, is seen with DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham (extreme left).

Mysuru, June 13- Boxing team from Mysuru won six medals in Karnataka Mini Olympics-2022 held at Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru recently.

Medallists are Vibha P. Ravindra (33-35-kg - Girls - Silver Medal), S. Manvik (42-45-kg - Boys - Bronze), R. Mayank (52-55-kg - Boys - Bronze), S. Lanchana (46-49-kg-Girls - Silver), S. Kundavee (52-55-kg - Girls - Bronze) and S. Surya (55-57-kg - Boys - Silver).

The Mini Olympics was organised by Karnataka Olympics Association (KOA) jointly with the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES), Government of Karnataka, to promote sports in the State.

It is one of the mega sports events held annually with participation of about 5,000 athletes in the U-14 age group competing in 31 disciplines.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham appreciated the medal-winners for their efforts and interest in sports.

The athletes were coached by Harsha, ASD Fight Club, Kuvempunagar, while Vibha P. Ravindra, studying in Excel Public School, Mysuru, was coached by Sudhakar at SANSKAR Karate Club, V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru.

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 13)

- **Mysuru Utsava:** Lifestyle and consumer expo, 'Space Tour' and Robotic Animal Kingdom, JSS Grounds, Doddakere Maidan, **up to 10 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** 'Besige Mela-2022' (Summer Exhibition), Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** 'Greeshma Rangayanotsava,' interaction with Senior Sanskrit Scholar Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao on the topic 'Sanskrit Play - Theatre,' B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi, Rangayana premises, **4 pm to 5 pm;** Staging of play 'Vidisha Prahasana' by Bharatiya Rangavidyalaya (Story: Siddalingapattana Shetty and Direction: Omkar Kibe), Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Srinivasa Swamy Temple:** Sri Padmavati Ammanavara Vardhanti, Pushpa Pallaki Utsava, Temple Road, Tilak Nagar, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 14)

- **School of Life Sciences, Mysuru, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research and DBT/ Wellcome Trust India Alliance:** Inauguration of National Workshop on 'Science Communication,' Sri Rajendra auditorium, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, Prof. Niranjan Vanalli, Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore North University, Kolar, chief guest, Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, presides, Dr. Sanjukta Mukherjee, Grants Adviser, India Alliance, guest of honour, Dr. K.A. Raveesha, Head, School of Life Sciences, Mysuru, convenor, Dr. Raghu Ram Achar and Dr. Ann Catherine Archer Organising Secretaries, Sri Rajendra auditorium, JSS College of Pharmacy, **10 am.**
- **Mysuru Utsava:** Lifestyle and consumer expo, 'Space Tour' and Robotic Animal Kingdom, JSS Grounds, Doddakere Maidan, **11 am to 10 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** 'Besige Mela-2022' (Summer Exhibition), Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** 'Greeshma Rangayanotsava,' interaction with Theatre Director Prof. H.S. Umesh on the topic 'Where modern theatre is heading?,' B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi, Rangayana premises, **4 pm to 5 pm;** Staging of play 'Bekku Bhavi' by Bharatiya Rangavidyalaya (Story: S. Balurao and Direction: S. Ramanath), Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Moonlight Music-243, vocal duet by Vidu. Ashwini Kolikkaje and Vidu. Dr. Medha Bhat, accompanied by Vid. Vedajna Narasimha on violin, Vid. Sai Shiva on mridanga and Vid. Shamit S. Gowda on ghata, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

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		9.45 pm

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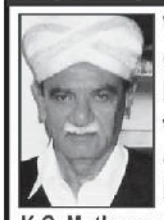

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We thank the members of Kodava Samaja, Mysuru; Gokulam Kodava Sangha; Sree Igguthappa Kodava Kshemabhivrudhi Sangha, Hebbal; relatives, friends, well-wishers & family members for their condolences & service during the demise of **Kottangada G. Muthanna (Dali)** on June 6 (Monday).

The Mada Ceremony has been arranged at The Roost Hotel in Hinkal on June 16 (Thursday) at 11 am. Those who have not yet received the invitation please treat this as a personal invitation, attend the ceremony and pray for the departed soul.

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